

# COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



## Gaylord Forest Management Unit

### 2010 Year-of-Entry

#### Tuscarora Township Hall, Indian River

July 23, 2008

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the Inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at open house for the Gaylord Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

#### Attendees

John Pilon, FMFMD; Shannon Harig, FMFMD; Dayle Garlock, FMFMD; James Bielecki, FMFMD; William O'Neill, FMFMD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Ken Phillips, FMFMD; Joyce Angel-Ling, FMFMD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; Charlotte Farner, FMFMD; Dan Heckman, FMFMD; Don Stacks, FMFMD; Kim Lentz, FMFMD; Tim Greco, FMFMD; Penney Melchoir, WLD; John Sheele, FMFMD; Mark Monroe, WLD; Jason Stephens, FMFMD; Veronica Sullivan, FMFMD; Derek Cross, FMFMD; Kerry Wieber, FMFMD

Members of the public in attendance: Betsy Lieberman, Walloon Lake Association; Dennis Williams, Potlatch Corporation

#### Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Gaylord Unit Office July 8, 2008 – 5 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Betsy Lieberman, Walloon Lake Association – Sent documentation asking for clarification on what was being proposed for public access on Walloon Lake. Asked for additional information on this issue. Also requested notification of Sierra Club's request in making the portion of compartment 38 that lies on Walloon Lake a natural area/ecological reference area.

Open House at Indian River Field Office July 9, 2008 – 18 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Dennis Williams, Harbor Springs – Sent a letter stating he was opposed to any clearcutting of Michigan's forests because it destroyed the scenic beauty of the forest, but stated that thinning, done properly does help.
- Michael McDonald, Ruffed Grouse Society – "I as a member of RGS and an active grouse hunter strongly encourage the continued aggressive management of aspen."

Telephone calls received:

- June 18, 2008 from Jim Krokenburger – Saw press release for open house and wanted to know where cutting will occur. Inquired if cutting was done on private land. His issues were addressed.

- June 18, 2008 from Scott (last name and location unknown) – Saw press release and wanted information.
- June 21, 2008 from Joe Rishel, Emmett County – Saw press release and called planner about a current timber sale near his house. Referred to Indian River staff.
- June 22, 2008 from Scott Grush, Goodrich, Michigan – Called to “support timber harvest clearcutting as a tool for upland game habitat” management.
- Kyle Haverstick (location unknown) - Called to “support timber harvest clearcutting as a tool for upland game habitat” management.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office.

#### **Compartment 38 (Stand examiner – Kim Lentz)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: Betsy Lieberman, Walloon Lake Association – Sent documentation asking for clarification on what was being proposed for public access on Walloon Lake. She asked for additional information on this issue. Betsy also requested notification of Sierra Club’s request to make the portion of compartment 38 that lies on Walloon Lake a natural area/ecological reference area. Her neighbors on Walloon Lake asked that the DNR keep cutting in perspective since there has been considerable cutting in the area recently.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 6 – Add to comment: Inform Walloon Lake Association prior to any management activities.
- Map – Add lake boundary to cover type and treatment map.

#### **Compartment 12 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Look into correcting the width of the natural river on map. Code any additional stands that intersect buffers\zone.
- North Branch ORV Route/Snowmobile trail is noted in narrative and in map legends but the line is not coded on maps. Add both jeep and snowmobile symbols to line on east side of section 9.
- Stand 24 – Code for burn. Add to comment: Consider using mechanical treatment as a backup.

#### **Compartment 140 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 404 – Add to comment: Contains apple trees. Prescribe cultural need of pruning.

#### **Compartment 164 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Compartment Narrative: Add to comment: Note location of Mill Creek Historic State Park nearby.

#### **Compartment 26 (Stand examiner – Ric Barta)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Narrative: Change ORV trail to ORV route.
- Map and Legend: Change ATV symbols to jeep symbols.

#### **Compartment 42 (Stand examiner – Greg Gatesy)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 29 – Code harvest priority 6 (under contract).
- Comp Narrative – Change to “contains a segment of MCCCT, snowmobile trail and North Country Hiking Trail.
- Map and Legend – All ATV symbols and ORV trails should be removed from the legends. Trails in NE corner of section 22 and NW corner of section 23 should be eliminated. Signs should be removed and trail blocked. Trail may possibly be obliterated with proposed treatments with stands 11 and 55.
- Stands 11, 18, 23, 25 – Change method of cut from thinning to selection.

#### **Compartment 104 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

#### **Compartment 184 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

#### **Compartment 74 (Stand examiner – Tim Greco and crew)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

#### **Compartment 61 (Stand examiner – Tim Greco)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 104 – Add to comment: Will be cut in entry year 2009 with adjacent compartment 62, stand 108.
- Stand 105 – Change harvest priority to 6 (under contract). Remove limiting factor.

#### **Compartment 116 (Stand examiner – Don Stacks)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 2 – Include in prescription the portion north to Robinson Road in the compartment to the north.

- Stand 58 – Prescribe opening maintenance using mechanical methods.

#### **Compartment 54 (Stand examiner – Kim Lentz)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

#### **Compartment 139 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 – Maintain stand condition to 8 (potential old growth). Add comment: Riparian influence – un-fragmented upland forest adjacent to a larger lake.
- Compartment narrative: Remove notation of snowmobile trail.

#### **Compartment 190 (Stand examiner – Dan Heckman)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 1, 39 – Prescribe opening maintenance, method of burn. Add to comment: Mechanical method optional.
- Compartment narrative – Add: North spur of the Shore-to-Shore riding and hiking trail and the MCCCT are adjacent to the compartment on the east side.

#### **Compartment 149 (Stand examiner – Dan Heckman)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 27, 28, 40, 42 – Prescribe opening maintenance using mechanical methods.
- Stand 33 – Prescribe non-forested treatment - prune apple trees.
- Compartment Narrative – Add the A-loop of the Tomahawk ORV trail and the Indian River ORV route.
- Map and Legend – Add snowmobile trail, add ORV trail in sections 20 and 21 with ATV symbol and the ORV route with the jeep symbol. The ORV route is new and is on the same route with the snowmobile trail.

#### **Compartment 156 (Stand examiner – Shannon Harig)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Comp narrative – Change ORV trail to cycle trail.
- Map – Place additional snowmobile trail symbols.

#### **Compartment 177 (Stand examiner – Dan Heckman)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

**Compartment 205 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Compartment narrative – Change Red Bridge motorcycle trail to Red Bridge ORV trail.
- Map – Add rail trail symbol when developed. Add snowmobile trail symbol and MCCCT symbol and hiker symbol.
- Map Legend – Change ATV to motorcycle and add snowmobile trail, MCCCT, hiking, and rail trail.
- Stands 27, 136 – Add to comment: Rail trail will be used for logging access.
- Stand 136 – Add to comment: Seek opportunities to expand aspen clones.

**Compartment 221 - YOE 2009 (Stand examiner – Ken Phillips)**

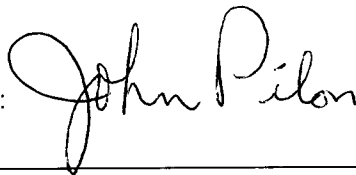
Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: No comments received.

Changes made at compartment review: No changes.

As the Compartment Review facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed upon.

John Pilon, Inventory and Planning Specialist

Signature:



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